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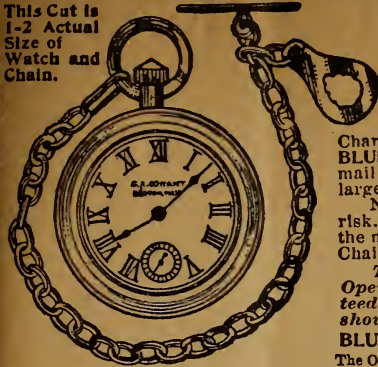
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Non-blooming Plants.—I cannot report upon a Perennial Pea thirty-one years old, but I have a plant twenty years old that has never bloomed. I wonder why? I also have a Hall's Honeysuckle nearly as old, which grows vigorously, but does not bloom. Can anyone tell why these plants fail to bloom?
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Gigantea, light rose, large bells, extra large compact truss; very early.

SHADES OF WHITE.

Snow Queen, very fine pure white; superb bells, handsome truss.

Grandeur a Merveille, finest blush white, fine large truss; extra.

Voltaire, exquisite creamy white, large, handsome truss; very attractive.

SHADES OF LIGHT BLUE.

Leonidas, clear light blue, fine spike, early and handsome.

Blondin, fine porcelain blue, large, graceful bells, very fine truss; extra.

SHADES OF DARK BLUE.

Baron von Thuyll, deep violet blue. graceful bells, huge compact truss.

King of the Blues, dark blue, massive bells, broad heavy truss; best blue sort.

25 cents will pay for the above Hyacinth Premium and PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE for a year. If already a subscriber send the name of a friend or flower lover to whom you wish the MAGAZINE sent, and get the premium mailed to your own address.

These Choice Hyacinths were all imported from Holland this season, and though not large bulbs they are well matured, and can be depended upon for a fine display of flowers. The finest hardy sorts are represented, and all the distinct leading colors. They will bloom well either in pots in the house in winter, or bedded out for spring blooming. I offer these bulbs with confidence, feeling assured that they will please all who give them a trial. Unlike many Hyacinths offered these will increase in size and beauty for several years, whether potted or bedded. **Full**

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These three splendid Double Hyacinths will be mailed to anyone sending a club of three subscribers (75 cents), or they will be added to the Hyacinth Premium of single sorts for 15 cents additional (40 cents in all). I recommend the Single Hyacinths as the best for general culture, but these are of the finest Double Hyacinths, and worthy of a place in every collection. Address

GEO. W. PARK, Libonia, Franklin Co., Pa.

ORDER EARLY.—Last season I was unable to supply all who wanted the Hyacinth Premium. I did not have enough bulbs to go 'round. I hope to have enough this season, but to be sure of your supply it would be well to order early. The bulbs will be ready to mail early in September. If you want your order acknowledged before the bulbs are ready to mail enclose an addressed postal card with your order.

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Yellow in variety, rich pure yellow, golden yellow, etc.
Striped and Flaked, all distinctly striped and flaked.

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Shaded and Margined, beautiful tints and shades.
Azure in variety, light blue, ultramarine, azure, etc.
Mixed colors, embracing a variety of superb shades and markings not included in the above offerings; many rare and exquisite varieties.

If you are already a subscriber you can have the MAGAZINE sent to any flower-loving friend. It will be appreciated. If you wish a grand bed of Pansies next spring—a bed rivaling the Tulips in show and beauty, sow the seeds during summer. Try it. You will be astonished and delighted with the result. Address

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SEPTEMBER.

Before her throne we humbly bow,
And wreath with flowers her hall,
The bright September passes now,
And, passing, rules us all;
Her vassals breathe no other name,
And ask no grace beside
Her paths where Sumac branches flame,
And laggard Gentians hide.

Bradford Co., Pa. *Lalia Mitchell.*

PRIMULA OBCONICA.

As a small winter-blooming and spring-blooming window plant perhaps there is nothing that surpasses the large-flowered form of *Primula obconica*. The plants are of dwarf habit, and throw up radical stems, surmounted by large clusters of delicate pink, lavender and white flowers, the petals often handsomely fringed. The plants are easily raised from seeds, and started in the spring they will bloom the following winter. They like a porous loam, well-drained, and partial sun. The plants bloom profusely for a long time, and make an elegant window display grouped together. The little engraving does not misrepresent the plant.

Clematis Virginiana.

—This is popularly known as Virgin's Bower, and is a very ornamental hardy climber of robust growth, attaining a height of fifteen feet. Properly cared for it will soon cover an immense space. It has dark green ternate leaves, with lobed and cut dentate leaflets, and produces its pretty white flower clusters in the greatest profusion during the month of August. These are succeeded by bunches of seeds having long woolly tufts which remain on the vine for some time, and by some are much prized for winter decoration. It is an American species and should be given more attention than it at present receives. Chas. E. Parnell.

Queens Co., N. Y.

FRAGRANCE IN MID-WINTER.

I AM enjoying my fragrant blossoms these extreme cold days more than I can say. The weather is so very severe that the beautiful blossoms are more than ever welcome. The first to open was Otaheite Orange. The little plant is not more than eight inches high, is quite bushy, and now carries one tiny orange and a great many buds in all stages of development. The blossoms are just as they are represented, but the fragrance cannot be described. It must be enjoyed in order to be fully appreciated. The little Orange tree is beautiful without fruit or flower. The foliage is finely formed, of

pretty color, and when fresh from a warm bath one cannot help loving it. I care for it just as I do my Geraniums, and am well pleased with my success, for my plant is quite young, and this is the first time it has bloomed.

The next fragrant blossom I have is a cluster of Freesias. I have had white ones, and cream ones with yellow throats, but these are cream colored with yellow blotches, no two marked alike. They are very pretty, and deliciously fragrant.

The third on my list is a night-blooming Jasmine. This beautiful pot shrub has clusters of greenish, star-shaped blossoms that open at night. If one admires their fragrance they will supply it in quantities, for they are very fragrant, only at night, but to me they are very oppressive.

Nettie Williams.

Barry Co., Mich., Feb. 10, 1899.

Impatiens Sultana—For shady nooks I find *Impatiens Sultana* desirable, where the ground is rich and moist. I have some fine ones on the north side of the house, sheltered from wind and rain by a Norway spruce. Aunt Hope.

Wayne Co., Pa., July 13, 1899.



PRIMULA OBCONICA.

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Poinsettia.—The Poinsettia pulcherrima is a species of Euphorbia found in Mexico. Its beauty when in bloom consists of the showy scarlet leaves or bracts which surround the clusters of flowers. The plants are easily raised from seeds, and quickly become blooming plants. They thrive in a compost of rich loam and sand with good drainage, and in a warm, rather moist atmosphere. They bloom during mid-winter, and after blooming should be cut back and given a season of rest, during which period keep the soil barely moist. The bloom comes at the extremity of the new branches which develop when growth is renewed. The time to repot is after the new growth starts.

Easter Lily after Blooming.

As soon as the flowers fade remove them to prevent the formation of seed pods, and the consequent exhaustion of the plant. Continue watering moderately till the foliage fades, when the plant should be gradually dried off, watering only enough to keep the bulb and fleshy roots from shriveling. Keep in a cool, shaded place for two or three months, then repot and begin watering—moderately at first, but more freely as the plant develops. In repotting always place the bulb two or three inches beneath the surface and avoid injuring the fleshy basal roots.

Chrysanthemums from Seeds.

—Get only the best quality of seeds if you wish to raise the large late Chrysanthemums in that way, and sow early in the spring. Give the seedlings small pots and shift into larger ones as required. Partial shade and a liberal supply of water are essential requirements. Pinch off all side shoots, and encourage the development of the central bud, which should open in late autumn. Even with the best seeds only a small percentage of the plants will give satisfactory flowers, or be of sufficient merit to be worth continued culture.

SYRINGAS.

SYRINGAS or Lilacs mostly known and cultivated are *S. vulgaris*, the common Lilac, *S. Chinensis*, the Chinese Lilac, and *S. Persica*, the Persian Lilac. Of the first two there are several varieties, differing in color from white to deep lilac, and of both single and double form. The double flowers appearing in dense clusters, and lasting longer than the single flowers. They all become large shrubs, and are very showy and beautiful when in bloom.

The Persian Lilac is not so robust in growth, and the panicles are more loose in habit. The variety with cut leaves is very desirable and can be used as a border to a group of taller, more vigorous sorts. All are perfectly hardy.

Lilacs grow and bloom well in almost any rich soil in an open situation. Keep the suckers away from the roots, and cut the flower clusters off as soon as they fade, to prevent the formation of seeds, which exhaust the plant. Enrich the soil by applications of bone dust in early spring. Removing the leaves to encourage autumn-blooming is injurious, and should not be done where the plants are valued for spring flowers.

Keeping Cannas and Dahlias.

—Dig these as soon as touched by severe frosts; remove the tops and shake off only a portion of the soil, allowing the rest to dry with the clump. When thoroughly dried store upon an upper shelf in a dry, frost-proof cellar. As a rule it is better to dig the clumps after a rain, when the soil is wet, so that the adhering soil will become hard and thus protect the tubers from the action of the air. Where but one or two plants are to be kept over they can be kept bedded in earth in pots or in a border.

Roses from Seeds.—The "Baby Roses" bloom in from four to six months after the seeds are sown, the plants and flowers being of miniature size and useful mostly as a curiosity. They germinate readily. Tea and other Roses often defer blooming for several years after the seeds are sown. Seedling Roses require partial shade till well established, and even then they are benefited by shade at midday.

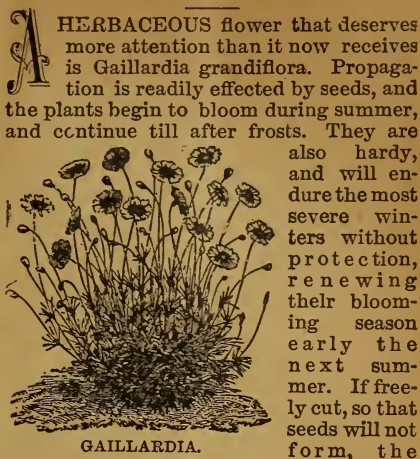
Strawberry Geranium.—The so-called Strawberry Geranium is *Saxifraga sarmentosa*, a common plant for pots and baskets. It likes a cool, moist, shady place, and has beautiful variegated foliage, and in the spring produces panicles of pretty white flowers on long stems. The plants increase by runners similar to those of the Strawberry.

LADY WASHINGTON GERANIUMS.

THESE may be propagated from two-eyed top-cuttings taken in the spring or summer after blooming, or they may be started from root cuttings or seeds. When well-rooted pot in three-inch pots of fibrous loam and sand, and when some growth has been made pinch back to promote a bushy head. Shift into larger pots as the plants grow, and tie down the outer branches to encourage a bushy growth. If wanted to bloom late the branches may be again pinched back. Keep rather dry during winter, watering only when the soil actually requires moisture. It is important not to over-water these plants. More are lost by injudicious watering than by any other ill treatment. When blooming an occasional application of manure water is beneficial. After blooming partially withhold the supply of water, set the plants in a shady place and cut them back severely, leaving only two or three eyes, and as soon as growth begins take them out of their pots, shake the old soil off and repot in the same pots, after cleansing. Water sparingly till the roots become active, then apply more freely. Later the plants may be shifted into pots a size larger. An eight-inch pot is large enough to accommodate the largest plants, however, and in such pots they may be grown for several years when they are full-grown, cutting back annually, and treating in other respects as recommended. Aphides often trouble the Lady Washington Geraniums, and syringing or smoking with tobacco must be constantly attended to to keep the plants clean and thrifty.

Daphne Indica.—This plant readily drops its leaves when the soil becomes clogged in the least, and in consequence it is weakened and becomes "leggy" and unsightly. To secure thorough drainage some fibrous, loose material should be placed around the sides of the pot in filling to keep the earth from coming into direct contact, thus securing drainage from the sides as well as bottom. To promote a bushy growth the branches are often tied down, when new blooming shoots will develop along the bare stalk. Use a compost of four parts rich peat with some rotted manure and sand incorporated.

Smilax after Blooming.—After the vines of Smilax bloom the water supply should be gradually reduced till the soil is barely moist, and when the leaves fade the entire top should be cut and removed. After resting for several weeks repot and begin watering. Keep in a cool place during the resting period, and do not let the soil dry out entirely.

GAILLARDIA GRANDIFLORA.

GAILLARDIA.

A HERBACEOUS flower that deserves more attention than it now receives is *Gaillardia grandiflora*. Propagation is readily effected by seeds, and the plants begin to bloom during summer, and continue till after frosts. They are also hardy, and will endure the most severe winters without protection, renewing their blooming season early the next summer. If freely cut, so that seeds will not form, the bloom will be continued throughout the season. A bed of this *Gaillardia* in which the plants are thickly grouped is a mass of rich red and orange color, and always greatly admired. It is far superior to a bed of the annual *Gaillardia*, which is sometimes confounded with the perennial sort. For bedding there are few, if any, of the herbaceous perennials that can equal *Gaillardia grandiflora*. It should be among the "must haves" of every list.

Roses Blasting.—A subscriber from Wyoming complains that the buds of her Rose bush blast before they develop, and wants a remedy. It may be the bush is of the old-fashioned hardy Blush Rose, which buds freely, but only develops a few of the first ones if any. There is no reliable remedy. Disbudding is sometimes recommended, the larger buds only being allowed to remain. Pruning the bushes and mulching with stable litter are methods also advised. The best remedy is to replace the plants with such as can be depended on to grow and bloom freely and satisfactorily.

Umbrella Palm.—The *Cyperus alternifolius* is sometimes called Umbrella Palm. It is a sedge that delights in a wet, boggy soil. With plenty of root room and rich, boggy soil kept wet, very large, beautiful specimens for the window may be grown. Very good results are often obtained with this plant even where the pot is entirely without drainage. After the growing season is over, however, withhold water and keep the soil merely moist while the plant is resting. When starting the growth again repot in a larger pot or divide the plant and cut off the old leaves.

A GOOD ANNUAL VINE.

THE Variegated Japanese Hop is a vine of great beauty when well grown. The seeds should be started early, where the plants are to climb, and support must be given as soon as the vines begin to run. The growth is rapid, and a trellis or summerhouse is soon covered with the leafy vines, the leaves being very attractive because of the bright and distinct variegation which seems to be a true character. Sow the seeds just as you would those of Morning Glory, covering an eighth inch deep. The plants do not bear transplanting well. The engraving will give some idea of the form and variegation of the leaves.

Alsophylla Australis.—This is known as the Australian Tree Fern. It grows to a great size when given plenty of root room, but does well as a window plant in a comparatively small pot. Give it a compost of fibrous loam, leaf mould and sand with good drainage, and keep in a partially shaded situation. Water freely while growing, and sparingly when in a semi-dormant state. If insects attack the plants wash or spray repeatedly with a good insecticide.

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Young Tuberose Bulbs.—

Tuberose bulbs that are not large enough to bloom should be lifted as soon as frost comes, then dried off thoroughly and stored in a dry, warm room till spring. To avoid changes of temperature wrap the bulbs separately in paper, and place in a box lined with cotton.

Treating a Calla.—The Calla Lily should have a period of rest every season. If this is neglected the plant is liable to become weak and sickly, and as fast as a new leaf comes an old one dies. While resting apply only water enough to keep the roots in good condition, and before re-starting give it a larger pot of fresh fibrous, well-drained soil.

Bird of Paradise.—This is a species of Poinciana. It is a hardy shrub in California and the southern States, but must be protected at the North. It is readily propagated from seeds.

ACALYPHA SANDERIANA.

ACALYPHA SANDERIANA is a novelty that sustains every claim made for it. It is vigorous, rich in foliage, and bears glowing rosy scarlet blooms for nine months of the year, and even longer. It is doubtless as nearly an ever-blooming plant as we have, and is sure to bloom in winter as well as in summer. It is a shrub, growing rapidly, increasing in size and beauty as the months pass, and is never troubled with insects or injured by disease. There is no window plant of easier culture. You can always depend upon it for hardiness, foliage and glorious flowers. It is truly a plant that should be in every plant window.

Cissus heterophylla.—The variegated form of this vine is sometimes lost in the growth which is made during the summer, especially when the plants are young. When they become older the character is more permanent. As a rule a sandy loam, which contains only a limited amount of iron, will develop the most distinct variegations. The new growth is especially attractive, as it shows a preponderance of deep pink in the stems and tendrils.

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Hardiness of Anemone Whirlwind.—

This is said to be hardy. It is probably like Anemone coronaria, hardy at the North where the soil is sandy and well-drained, but will not withstand the winter where the soil is wet. To prove hardy even in a favorable situation the tubers must be well established. A dry tuber planted in autumn where the climate is severe will invariably decay.

Mimulus.—Plants of Mimulus are of a soft, fleshy nature, and like a moist, well-shaded place to thrive and bloom freely. Soil should be light and porous, and always well-drained. Plants are easily propagated from seeds.

Pansies Mildewed.—When the Pansy bed becomes continually affected by mildew it is well to abandon it and start plants from seeds for another bed, located apart, and in a more sunny position.



VARIEGATED JAPANESE HOP.

WHAT THEY MISSED.

A rich red Geranium full of fine blooms,

In a sunshiny window so wide,
Thus spoke to a house Daisy stately and tall,
And complained of the bulbs just outside.

"I've worked and I've bloomed all the long winter through,

And expect to bloom all summer long,
While they slept through the winter in soft,
darkened beds,

And don't wake till they hear a bird's song."

The sweet, modest Daisy leaned over a spell,
As she said "Have you thought what they miss?
There's the Thanksgiving gayety, rich Christmas
joys,

All the holiday seasons of bliss,

"When we were admired and handled with care,

And beloved because close to the view,

Exalted in station, on window sills wide,

Now, I wouldn't be bulbs. would you?"

Mrs. Geo. B. Schlotterer.

Montgomery Co., Pa.

THE DAISY.

An angel from the gardens fair,

That fadeless bloom above,

Came down to earth its grief to share

And bless with deeds of love;

While resting by the dusty way

She saw the people pass

From sun to sun, the livelong day,

And only rustling grass

Grew close the weary road beside;

"There's not one flower to cheer

These hopeless ones," the angel cried,

"I'll sow the Daisy here."

Now all may gather with delight

The Daisy blooms that smile

Through sunless day and starless night

By highway, lane and stile;

No summer's heat or autumn's blast

Can blight this blossom fair,

Since angel hands the seeds have cast,

That all its grace may share.

Bradford Co., Pa.

Ruth Raymond.

A SONG OF THE WATER FLAGS.

Tinting the waves and the waters deep,
Down where the willows their love trusts keep,

There like blue stars they gaily float,

A floral navy, or fairies boat;

These Water Flags reflect the skies,

Blue they are as childhood's eyes.

Tinged with a hue that seems divine,

Wherever you grow, O flowers of mine!

By forest brook, or where rivers roam,

Or on prairie pond, you make your home,

Let them call you common if they dare,

I wish no flower more bonny and fair.

Dickinson Co., Kan.

Walf Woodridge.

LILIUM AURATUM.

No more the Rose shall reign as queen

In this my garden plot,

Since fairer flowers were never seen

Than these new Lilies, bending not

For storm or sun, their fragrance more

Than mortal ever breathed before.

Lalia Mitchell.

Bradford Co., Pa. June 23, 1899.

GROWING HYACINTHS IN GLASSES.

WHILE Hyacinths grown in water do not as a rule produce such fine spikes of bloom as those grown in soil, the novelty of the former method fully compensates for any deficiency in the size of the spike of bloom. To grow these bulbs in water demands no great skill, but simply the application of certain well-known principles. Like all other bulbs the Hyacinth should have its roots formed before top growth commences. Darkness retards top growth, but does not delay the production of roots, therefore the glasses should be placed in a cool cellar or dark closet for three or four weeks before being brought to the light. Success depends in a great measure upon allowing roots to form before top growth commences. The water should always be kept pure and clean. A little charcoal sprinkled in it will prove an important factor toward this end. Rain water is preferable, as it contains more elements of plant life than spring water. A low temperature and free access of air are necessary conditions of health in all stages of plant growth, and especially so in growing Hyacinths in water. The glasses should be placed where they can get all the light possible without contact with the sun's rays or with the over-heated air of the living room. I have seen the water in Hyacinth glasses so warm that it virtually cooked the roots. Failure results from this cause more than all others combined. It is not absolutely necessary that the water be changed if the above rules are complied with. The water should never be above the base of the bulb, as this is apt to cause decay. Place the bulb so that its base is a quarter of an inch above the water and refill as the water evaporates.

Lawrence D. Fogg.

New Haven Co., Conn.

Church Flowers.—One should be careful about sending flowers with strong odor to church, as certain perfumes are offensive to certain persons. One dislikes Sweet Peas, another Nasturtiums, and still another Marigolds. To sit among them in a close room is sickening. A rose bowl or vase may be used, but masses never. There are many flowers without strong odors that can be used.

Eliza Bradish.

Worcester Co., Mass.

Remedy for Ground Moles.—To get rid of ground moles take a sharp stick and make holes in their tracks, in several places, and pour in tar. They do not like it, and will leave.

M. E. A.

Harford Co., Md., July 24, 1899.

THE SMALLER WINTER-BLOOMING BULBS.

WHILE many people cultivate the larger and more common Holland bulbs, the Hyacinths and Narcissus, comparatively few know the pleasure to be obtained from some of the lesser ones. The method of culture is precisely the same as for Hyacinths. Pot in rich, friable soil, water well, and set away in a dark, cool place until the pot is well filled with roots, then bring gradually to the light and air. Their season of bloom will be prolonged if they are kept in a cool place, out of the warm sunshine or much artificial heat.

Grape Hyacinths are very valuable for winter bloom, hardly ever failing to reward the cultivator with attractive little spikes of pink, blue or pure white bells. A number should be planted in a five-inch pot, half a dozen or more. Crocuses bloom very early, and their gay little chalices of yellow and purple are welcome harbingers of the yet far off spring. Alliums are lovely, and may be thickly planted in rich soil. They never fail to bloom, and their long-stemmed white flowers are fine for table or personal adornment.

Any catalogue contains extended lists of these minor bulbs, and no one need hesitate to try almost any of them, for we have yet to find one that will not bloom with the least of care. Their expense is a very slight matter, for they can be bought for almost nothing.

Mrs. W. A. Cutting.

Middlesex Co., Mass., July 1, 1899.

Prickly Pear Cactus.—During the early spring months the most admired of our flowers was a long bed of Prickly Pear Cactus. This plant is one of the quickest to respond to kind treatment. Given a soil composed of one-half leaf mould and one-half sand, with one pint of guano to each bushel of soil, and watered each day, the quantity and quality of blooms is surprising. One gave us soft canary yellow blooms three inches across. Late in the fall the fleshy leaves lose their bright green color, change to a greenish red, and lay themselves down flat on the earth. Here they remain until the first of March, when each leaf becomes erect, new leaves shoot out as if by magic, and soon all the old leaves regain their bright color and are full of blooms.

R. D. Moore.

Walton Co., Ga., July 14, 1899.



CROCUSES.

MY BED OF FERNS.

IDUG a trench close to the foundation on the north side of the house, eighteen inches deep, two and one-half feet wide and twenty-six feet long. I then filled this trench half full of broken bricks, small stones and pieces of old plaster, covered this stuff with coarse, partially rotted chip dirt to the depth of two inches, and filled up the trench with a compost of one part clean sharp sand to three parts leaf mould. I brought from the woods nice large specimens of each variety of Ferns, of which there are seven here. I left all the earth and moss on the roots I could, and planted them at once in the bed. Close to the foundation I put clumps of Maidenhair Fern and the tall pink Cypripediums, then the other Ferns according to their habit of growth. Scattered throughout the bed were plants of Jack-in-the-Pulpit, Trillium and Columbines, and for the border Hepaticas. That was five years ago. Every season I have a full supply of beautiful Ferns. I cut them freely for the house, and as I water them every day the supply lasts until frost. The native Ferns are so hardy and beautiful, and so easily cultivated that anyone can have them who has shade and plenty of water. My Ferns are admired as much as any of my flower beds.

T. L. Goldsmith.

McLeod Co., Minn.

Ten Weeks' Stock.—Last winter we had a few plants of Ten Weeks' Stock. One of them was a double purple. The flowers were two inches across and very fragrant. After they had stayed open a few weeks small bunches of buds were seen coming out of the center of the flowers. They grew out about two inches, then opened their petals. This made a very beautiful plant, as the first flowers remained open and looked like a magnificent collar around the branches. We have had Stocks various times before, but none ever showed us such a freak.

F. G. Fox.

Bucks Co., Pa., July 21, 1899.

Starting Roses.—Select young shoots with three or four eyes and insert in the soil just where you wish the mature plants to stand, leaving two eyes out of the soil. Press the soil firmly around the cutting, and turn a tumbler or cracked fruit jar over it. Wedge with a few sticks that it may not topple over in some storm. In the spring remove the glass, not too early, and the young plant begins growing and blooming right along. We save our spoiled glassware for such purposes. Even a cracked lamp chimney with a stopper in the top has raised fine plants.

Kent Co., Del.

L. W. Baldwin.

SOME TRAILING PLANTS.

TRAILING plants are indispensable in the bay window, or on the veranda. Nothing else adds such an air of grace and elegance to any collection of plants, and where trailers are grown in profusion they give an added charm to the finest floral display, breaking up stiffness of outline, throwing over unpleasing nooks a mantle of beauty, and adding the charm of unconventionality to the window garden. Most of the trailers are very easily grown, and yet it is the exception to see them showing the luxuriance and beauty which it is their right to display. A too small receptacle and a too scanty supply of water are responsible for the failure of many trailing plants. Exposed as they are to the air on all sides, the evaporation of moisture is very rapid, and the supply of water given is, in nine cases out of ten, wholly inadequate. A thorough soaking in a bucket or tepid water once a day is not too much for most veranda plants in the summer. A liberal supply of well-enriched soil is also necessary.

As to the list of trailers, nearly all of them eminently desirable, it is almost without a limit. Many very attractive sorts can be grown from seeds with very little trouble, as Nasturtium, Thunbergia, Maurandya, Kenilworth Ivy, *Lysimachia nummularia*, all of them too well known to need description. For a full exposure to the sun the Ice Plant is excellent. *Ampelopsis Veitchii* is very handsome as a trailer, and has the added merit of being perfectly hardy, turning in autumn to the most exquisite colors of foliage. A number of years, however, are required to bring a basket of this to its full beauty. Another hardy trailer is the variegated *Nepeta*. It is an exquisite little trailer, and has not a fault. Dainty, easily-grown, rapid-growing, fragrant and handsome, it is desirable in every way, especially as it will thrive without direct sunshine. The various kinds of *Tradescantia*, which have the same characteristics, are too well known to require more especial mention. *Fuchsia Trailing Queen* is exquisite. Most slender-growing *Fuchsias* can be trained as trailers by pruning until the plant throws out many shoots from near the base, and then

weighting these to induce them to depend from the pot. Parrot's Feather is a lovely trailing water plant. When in bloom *Russelia juncea* is a fountain of blossoms, but the foliage is very inconspicuous. Some varieties of *Lantana* are fine trailers, easily grown and beautiful.

Mrs. W. A. Cutting.

Middlesex Co., Mass., June 26, 1899.

[NOTE.—The new Weeping *Lantana* blooms freely in almost any exposure. The branches are slender, droop gracefully over the sides of the vase or pot, and become wreaths of lovely flower clusters. The new *Asparagus Sprengeri* is also a trailer of exquisite beauty, easily grown and greatly admired. *Othonna crassifolia* is a succulent that does well as a basket plant, as it revels under neglect that would kill many of its window companions. These are all plants deserving of culture, and can be confidently recommended.—Ed.]

False Solomon's Seal.—This is one of the most striking plants of our woodlands and possesses a two-fold attraction—panicles of white bloom in the spring, succeeded by bright berries in the fall. If a number of tubers are procured in the months of September and October, and planted so as to form a group or clump, in a shady situation where the soil is rich, you will possess something that will surprise you the following spring. There are few whilings that take more kindly to cultivation than this one and the size of the panicles of bloom and the height of the plants will be greatly increased in one season. The true Solomon's Seal improves also if transferred to the garden, but is a much less attractive plant.

Erie Co., Pa.

E. H. Norris.

***Yucca filamentosa*.**—The *Yucca filamentosa* that grows on the prairies here is the grandest of all evergreen plants we have for the lawn. The stately clumps of stiff bayonet-like leaves bristling out from the center in every direction are extremely ornamental. In mid-summer thick, woody flower stalks are thrown up, and bear on their summit immense compound panicles of creamy bell-shaped flowers, each flower two inches across. A single panicle will contain three hundred or more florets, and will be two feet or more in length.

Eva Shipley.

Holt Co., Mich., July 21, 1899.



LINARIA CYMBALARIA—KENILWORTH IVY.

A EUROPEAN TRIP.

LETTER NO. 23.

Interlaken is a summer resort situated between Lake Brienz and Lake Thun, and connected with these lakes by canals. A high, precipitous mountain is at the rear, and between two mountain peaks in front we see the great, ghostly, icy mountain called Young Frow. The village is made up chiefly of big hotels and souvenir shops, and has wide, well-kept streets. As I sat upon the veranda of the Young Frow hotel the next morning and watched the sun rise upon the great icy pyramids the following notes were pencilled in my note-book:

"I am now at what is considered by many the most beautiful and delightful summer resort in the world. The air is cool and pleasant. The sun has just arisen, and the splendor of the light and shadow upon the great glacial mountains before me surpasses all my powers of description. Words cannot convey even a faint idea of the glory of the scene. At either side and in front of the glittering Young Frow mountain are other great, rugged mountains scattering covered with evergreens to the top, and almost at the top of one is a less steep portion cleared and showing a rich green carpet of grass. The mountain at the right is voluminous, rugged and steep. A slope at the base is largely covered with trees, while a portion is under cultivation by the Swiss farmers. To the right of this, and in front is still another mountain with trees to the top, and almost at the top is a large green space upon which are Swiss peasant cottages, seemingly almost as high in altitude as the ice upon the other mountain. Going to the other side of the hotel I found, only a few rods away, just back of a little orchard, a mammoth mountain, the side almost perpendicular, apparently almost solid rock, but with trees growing upon it wherever they can get some soil and a holding place for the roots. A big stream of clear water runs at its base, and roars with echoes and re-echoes among the great rocks above. The fruit trees are apparently thrifty apple, pear and cherry, all more or less fruitful. Upon the top of this mountain, by the aid of a strong field glass, I see numerous hooded cottages, the mountain homes of herdsmen. The whole scene is bewildering in its sublime grandeur, and one that will be indelibly stamped upon memory's tablet."

"After a stroll about the town I boarded a train which runs to Grindelwald glacial mountain, and was soon landed at a station of high altitude near to a cluster of huge glacial pyramids. The sun was shining bright, and the day became quite warm as I walked through the country lanes to the ice grotto at the base of the glacier. The fields were green with a luxuriant sward of pasture, and in some places the grass carpet was bedecked with groups of graceful blue Campanula, and in others with the white bloom of an umbelliferous plant resembling Carrot. As I passed along the narrow highway I plucked specimens of Evening Primrose, Centaurea in several species, Silene, a small, light-colored Violet, a fragrant Sedum, several leguminous plants, one of which had crimson flowers, the others yellow, lovely, pink lace-like blooms of a delicate umbelliferous plant, a plantain-like plant with beautiful pink flowers, a shrub with red berries, etc. The gathering made a novel bouquet of peculiar interest to the flower-lover.

As I came nearer the glacier mountains I found a native in a solitary part of the road watching for me, and waiting till I came up. Before him was an immense funnel-shaped brass instrument ten or twelve feet long, inclined and the large end inserted in a big wooden box with the open end toward the great ravines of the mountains. What was it? My curiosity was aroused! It was soon satisfied, however, for presently the peasant placed his mouth to the small end of the big tube and a great, clear, musical note burst upon the air, resounding against the huge, icy pyramids, and echoing and re-echoing, growing fainter and

fainter, until it mingled with the awful silence of the majestic ice-bound mountains and caverns. I stood and listened, and listened, and listened, until that "awful silence" reigned, then a fresh strain came from the big tube. I lingered in the enchantment until the time warned me that I must hasten on, and handing the peasant the expected coin I passed on. But the sweet tones and echoes of that "mellow horn" will ever be recalled when I think of my trip to the Grindelwald glacier.

After visiting the grotto and enjoying the peculiar experience at the glacier I returned to Interlaken by the evening train. Awaiting the train near the Grindelwald station a humorous scene appeared. At this place many persons secure mountain guides, often young Swiss women. Two bold young Americans who had employed such a guide came in, the Swiss girl, with her crook and the baggage, fifteen or twenty feet in advance, walking briskly with firm, even steps, and the boys covering the ground with feeble, weary steps, apparently in the last stages of exhaustion. When they started in the morning they evidently expected to exhaust the strength of their guide. They went out as lions. They came in as lambs. Verily it is not well for a country American to measure strength and endurance with a Swiss mountain girl.

Geo. W. Park.

[We regret that owing to unavoidable circumstances we were unable to give the picture of Interlaken and its surroundings, as promised. We shall try to have it appear in October.]

BRIEF ANSWERS.

A Fine Hardy Vine.—A beautiful hardy native vine is *Celastrus scandens*. It is of shrubby character, easily trained, and produces a dense growth of bright green foliage early in the season. The flowers are small, white, in clusters, and are succeeded by orange-and-scarlet fruit in autumn. It is useful to cover the posts of a veranda or a window, where early and dense shade is required.

Leopard Plant.—*Farfugium grande*, often known as Leopard Plant, is a perennial, almost hardy, and requires a season of rest in winter. When spring comes repot in rich, fibrous loam and give it an eastern exposure, and you will be delighted with the big leathery spotted leaves it will develop.

Sprinkling Gloxinias.—Water sprinkled upon the foliage of Gloxinias will do no harm if the hot sun is not allowed to shine immediately upon the sprinkled plants. It is usually beneficial.

Grafting and Budding.—The time to insert grafts on trees and shrubs is in the early spring, before the buds begin to develop. The time for budding is in the latter part of summer in August, after the growth of the season has been completed, and the sap is returning to ripen the wood, when the bark will separate readily from the wood.

Greenhouse Plants.—A great variety of plants, as Carnations, Geraniums, Coleus, etc., can be grown side by side in a greenhouse by one who understands the management of various plants. Some require shade, some the rays of the sun, some a cool place, others a warm one. All of these and other conditions can be secured in a common greenhouse by judicious arrangement and management.

Mexican Primrose.—The Mexican Primrose rarely blooms in winter. It is chiefly a spring and summer blooming plant. In a soil too rich and deep and moist it sometimes fails to bloom altogether.

Oxalis for Winter.—For winter-blooming the best Oxalis is the Bermuda Buttercup Oxalis. Get the bulbs in the fall and place about five in a six-inch pot or basket. The flowers are bright yellow, in fine clusters. Oxalis floribunda rosea and alba are also desirable for late winter or early spring blooming. One has rosy purple flowers, and the other white ones.

WHEN SHALL I DIE?

[NOTE.—The following poem was written by Mrs. M. M. Halton, who, for many years, was a reader and ardent friend of the MAGAZINE, and whose death occurred October 2nd, 1898. The poem was kindly sent the Editor by a daughter, Miss E. M. Halton, in whose name the subscription is now received.—Ed.]

When shall I die? In summer,
When the sky is heavenly blue
Or like the gates of crystal
That I hope to enter through?
When earth is filled with beauty
And all nature bids to stay,
Shall I hear alone the voices
That are calling me away?

Or in the golden autumn
When the ripened harvests shine,
Shall I go to find a country
Where the harvests will be mine?
When leaves are gently falling
On Earth's unheeding breast,
Shall I find with all the weary
A home of tearless rest?

Or shall I die in winter
Amid its snow and gloom,
Even glad to know the shelter
Of the dark and silent tomb?
Shall I know that in the silence
There may sound a voice of cheer,
And amid the angel's roll-call
I shall gladly answer "Here"?

Or shall I go in springtime,
When first the birds shall sing
And the spirits once departed
Are sole unreturning thing?
Shall I go from all the gladness
To a world more bright and true?
Oh, it matters not if Heaven
Will but ope' and let me through!

Mrs. M. M. Halton.

THE DEATH OF THE ROSE.

The Lilies' heads are bowed with grief,
The Carnation breathes a sigh,
The Pansies' eyes with tears are wet,
And the Bleeding Heart will die;
All of the flowers are sad to-day,
For their queen is lying dead—
The sweet Blush Rose that ruled with love
On her bier of green is laid.

Her pale, sweet petals around her spread,
Her green leaves waving above,
On the throne that will know her nevermore,
Where she ruled the flowers with love;
The Harebells rang their saddest chime.
That their friends, the bees, might know
The flowers will have a funeral
In the garden where they grow.

The funeral of the sweet Rose queen,
And the bees came humming by
With saddened hearts to sing the hymn
Chosen by a butterfly;
The Sweet Peas twined their arms above,
And formed a beautiful arch,
Jack-in-the-pulpit the sermon read,
And a cricket played the march.

And then they waited with bated breath
Beside the Rose, where she lay.
For the sighing wind to come along
And bear her gently away;
He carried her petals, every one,
On his swift wings out of sight,
And the bees and the flowers went home again,
As the day closed with the night.

Lulu Green.

Emmet Co., N. Y., July 16, 1890.

CHILDREN'S CORNER.

A LITTLE GREAT GRANDMOTHER.

Bettina Berry went to see
Her mother's mother's mother,
"Oh, this is a surprise" said she;
"Mamma, you know, is pretty small,
And grandmamma is stout and tall,
A true great grandmamma could not
Go through a common door, I thought,
But you're like any other.

Miss Fannie J. Roberts.

Delaware Co., N. Y.

Dear Mr. Park:—I am a little girl ten years old with two brothers and two sisters. But what I am going to tell you about is a perennial flower in our yard.

The second year we were here mamma noticed it; the next year it didn't come up; but the third year it came up, and mamma transplanted it, and it has grown every year since. The seeds look like Flax. It has a long stem with very few leaves on it. The blossom is always on the end of the stem, and is generally all gone by noon. It has many blossoms on in the mornings. It is a very hardy plant, and comes up very early in the spring.



LINUM PERENNE.

Cass Co., Ia., July 23, 1899.

[NOTE.—The plant is Linum perenne.—Ed.]

Clara Talbot.

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GOSSIP.


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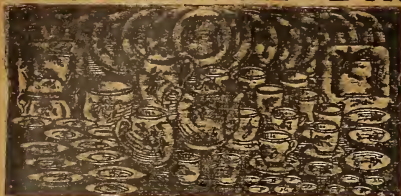
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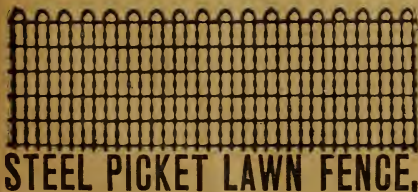
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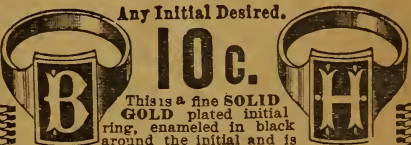
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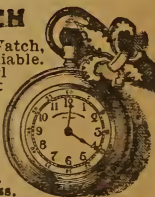
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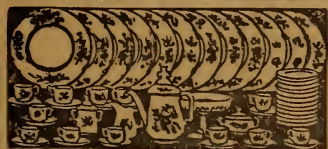
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Campanula, mixed.....	5	Digitalis, mixed.....	5	Stenactis.....	5	Viola odorata.....	5

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Artemisia gracilis.....	5	Carnation, Margaret,	5	Gilia, mixed.....	5	Myosotis, mixed.....	5
Antirrhinum majus, m'd	5	mixed.....	5	Hollyhock, mixed.....	10	Nigella, mixed.....	3
Calliopsis, mixed.....	5	Delphinium, mixed.....	5	Larkspur, mixed.....	3	Obeliscaria, mixed.....	3
Callitrope, mixed.....	5	Dianthus Chinensis.....	5	Leptosiphon, mixed.....	3	Oenothera, mixed.....	5
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Clarkia, single and dou-	5	Eschscholtzia.....	5	florum.....	5	des.....	3
ble, mixed.....	5	Erysimum, mixed.....	3	Limnanthes Douglasii..	5	Pansy, mixed.....	10
Collinsia, mixed.....	5	Eucharidium, mixed.....	5	Lychnis, mixed.....	5	Poppy, mixed.....	5
Conoclinium.....	5	Eutoca, mixed.....	5	Malva, mixed.....	5	Silene, mixed.....	5

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Adonis, mixed.....	5	Calendula, mixed.....	5	Helianthus, mixed.....	5	Portulaca, mixed.....	5
Agrostemma, mixed.....	5	Campanula, annual, m'd	5	Hibiscus Africanus.....	3	Petunia, blotched and	5
Anthericum, mixed.....	5	Carduus.....	5	Linaria, mixed.....	5	striped.....	5
Asperula azurea.....	5	Centranthus, mixed.....	5	Martynia, mixed.....	5	Scabiosa, mixed.....	5
Acacia, mixed.....	3	Cleome speciosissima.....	5	Morning Glory, mixed.....	5	Sweet Peas, mixed.....	5
Candytuft, white.....	5	Euphorbia, mixed.....	5	Polygonum, mixed.....	5	Verbena, mixed.....	10

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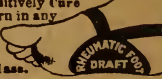
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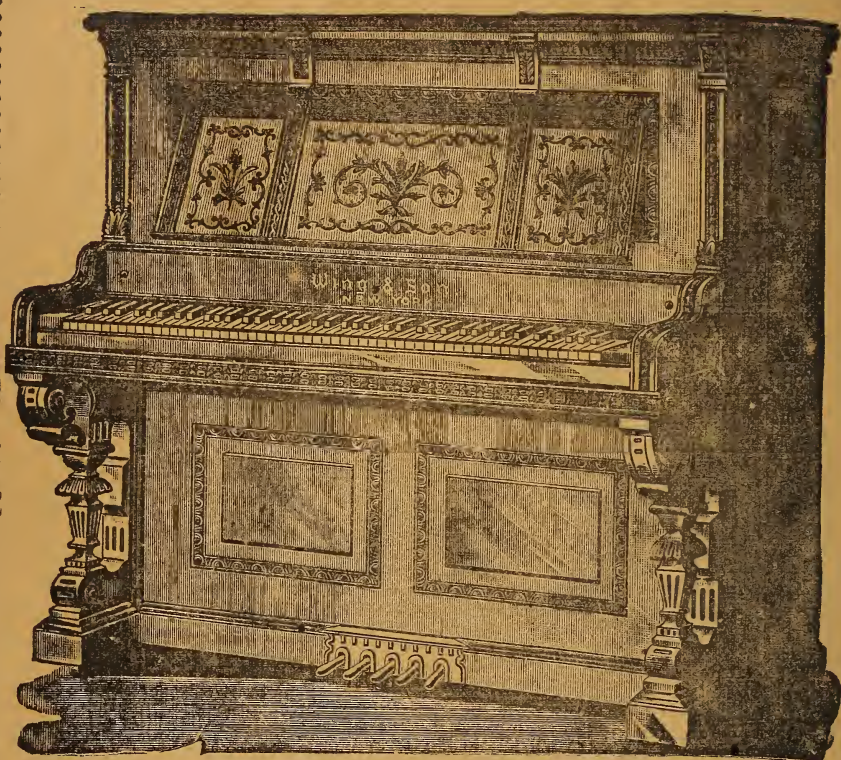
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